

Application No. 09/550,163  
Supplemental Amendment dated December 10, 2003  
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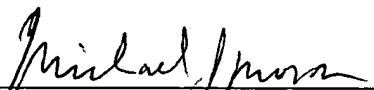
**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 25-30, 69-71 and 74-76 are pending and the Examiner has indicated that these claims are allowable. The Examiner has contacted attorney for Applicants by telephone and indicated that sequences disclosed in Figure 1(c) are not included in the Sequence Listing. A Substitute Sequence Listing is being submitted herewith under separate cover and the Specification is being amended to add a description of the new sequences, SEQ ID NO:'s 21 and 22, which were originally presented in Figure 1(c).

In view of the submission of a Substitute Sequence Listing and the amendments to the Specification, it is believed that the Application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application and early notice of allowance are requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to expedite allowance of this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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